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Argenta *et al.*

Application No. 09/026,353

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For: **WOUND TREATMENT EMPLOYING  
REDUCED PRESSURE**



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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please add the following claims:

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80. An appliance for administering a reduced pressure treatment to a wound comprising:
- a. an impermeable cover adapted to cover and enclose the wound and to maintain reduced pressure at the site of the wound, wherein said cover is sufficiently rigid to support said cover out of contact with the wound;
  - b. a seal adapted to seal said cover to tissue surrounding the wound; and
  - c. reduced pressure supply means adapted to connect to a source of suction, said reduced pressure supply means cooperating with said cover to supply said reduced pressure beneath the cover, and said reduced pressure supply means comprising a suction port on said cover.

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81. The appliance as recited in claim 80 wherein said seal includes a cuff around the periphery of said cover for preventing said cover from digging into the skin during the treatment.

82. An appliance for administering a reduced pressure treatment to a wound comprising:

- a. an impermeable cover adapted to cover and enclose the wound and to

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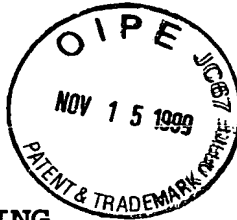
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